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U.S. General Services Administration
FOIA Requester Service Center (HIC)
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Washington, DC 20405-0001

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Dear FOIA Request Center;

I am making this request under the Freedom Of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Please provide me with any records related to the following General Services Administration programs as described herein:

- 1) The Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Program Industrial Funding Fee (IFF) from January 1, 2010 to the present, including:
 - a) the yearly amount collected via the IFF;
 - b) the yearly operating costs of the MAS program;
 - c) the yearly amount of MAS program investments;
 - d) the yearly amount held for a MAS program risk buffer;
 - e) the yearly IFF net operating revenue in excess of the amounts required to recover MAS program costs, MAS investments, and risk buffer;
 - f) the IFF amount of revenues that have been allocated to other GSA program, and a list of those programs;
 - g) the yearly amount in the Acquisition Services Fund (ASF);
 - h) the yearly amount of ASF funds that have been returned to the Treasury; and
 - i) the yearly amount and list of any persons, including the amount they received, receiving financial awards, bonuses, or performance incentives from the IFF or ASF account.
- 2) A list of all non-schedule contracts (GWACs, IDIQ contracts, and blanket purchase agreements) and fees charged on them in addition to the .75% IFF from January 2010 to the present. This should include totals of sales, fees revenues, and operating expenses.
- 3) Any financial statements that show fees, operating expenses, and indirect expenses for other GSA groups (e.g., vendor relations, public relations, and other staff offices) from January 1, 2010 to the present. The financial statements can be for GSA or any GSA component, program, contract, IDQ, BPA, etc.
- 4) The Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative (FSSI) Wireless Blanket Purchase Agreement from January 1, 2013 to the present, including:
 - a) copies of the BPAs, and any amendments awarded to Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, and T-Mobile;
 - b) copies of the FSSI Wireless Strategic Action Plan Initiative;

- c) the monthly sales on the FSSI Wireless BPA;
 - d) the number of monthly orders placed;
 - e) a list of the agencies placing those orders;
 - f) the totals for each agency that placed an order;
 - g) GSA's yearly total expenses for planning, developing, awarding, and administering the FSSI Wireless BPA, including the cost of GSA employees, and outside consultants and attorneys;
 - h) all estimates for savings generated by the FSSI Wireless agreement;
 - i) GSA's sales forecast in FY 2014 and beyond; and
 - j) any strategic investment report for the FSSI Wireless agreement.
- 5) Records from January 1, 2010 to the present indicating the actual costs as well as GSA's mark-up to agencies for use of service in GSA's regional telecommunications program. Please include any records about the:
- a) a breakdown of pricing of the program, including all costs and any additional fees or markup that has been charged to agencies;
 - b) yearly totals collected from agencies for the regional telecommunications program;
 - c) yearly totals of running the regional telecommunications program;
 - d) yearly percentages and totals of any markup that has been included; and
 - e) programs and operations that have received funds from the added fees/markup.
- 6) Any records from the Network Services 2020 telecommunications strategy discussing the markup applied to telecommunication or IT solutions and the use of those funds.

I request a waiver of all costs associated with fulfilling this submission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Disclosure of the requested records will further the "public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest" of POGO. Specifically, POGO intends to use the requested record to inform the public about the implementation and efficiency of the current policies and procedures for collecting and spending the IFF and GSA's use of the FSSI Wireless BPA.

This letter provides a detailed account of POGO's planned use of the requested information and responds to agency fee waiver criteria. I have included this FOIA Fee Waiver Supplement to provide a detailed account of POGO's planned use of the requested information and to fully respond to the fee waiver criteria.

1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government."

POGO is focused on increasing the public understanding of the GSA's policies and operations. Specifically, POGO hopes the requested records highlight GSA's ability to appropriately collect and spend IFF funds and administer and realize savings on its wireless and telecommunications agreements. The requested records will highlight the administration of these programs, and raise public awareness about the government's management of taxpayer dollars.

2. The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is “likely to contribute” to an understanding of government operations or activities.

POGO provides a valuable public service by taking an independent look at how the government spends taxpayer dollars and what can be done to make the system more effective, efficient, accountable, and honest. POGO will likely release a publication analyzing key conclusions of the IFF and the past, current, and future use and administration of the FSSI Wireless agreement as well as its other telecommunication contracts and strategies. All POGO publications include government reports, documents, and other resources to allow the public to better understand how the federal government operates.

POGO has established a niche in informing the general public, either through its own publications and web site or through media outlets, about the issue of government accountability. POGO has issued reports and offered public comments on this issue, frequently urging Congress and various agencies to embrace efficient and effective programs.

3. The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from the disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

POGO investigates, exposes, and seeks to remedy systemic abuses of power, mismanagement, and subservience by the federal government to powerful special interests. Founded in 1981, POGO is a politically independent, nonprofit watchdog that promotes a government that is accountable to the citizenry. POGO disseminates information about its activities to thousands of concerned citizens, policymakers, and the media via email, direct mail, and its web site <http://www.pogo.org>, the organization’s primary vehicle for disseminating information to concerned citizens and other targeted constituencies. The site receives approximately one million hits and 100,000 unique visitors monthly. In addition, the “POGO Blog” has developed its own readership, averaging roughly 20,000 visitors monthly, allowing us to reach new readers in the blogosphere. The requested records will be used for the following activities: publication by email, on our website, in reports, and newsletters issued by POGO and disseminated to POGO supporters, the public, the media, nonprofit organizations, Congress, Executive Branch officials, and other policymakers.

4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute “significantly” to public understanding of government operations or activities.

POGO concludes that the investigation documents will be of interest to the general public. The records will allow us to inform the public about current GSA policies and procedures that govern commercial item buying and the savings realized through its wireless and telecommunications deals. Additionally, the requested records will highlight for the public how GSA collects fees and shares them between programs. The public deserves to know how these programs are running, and what actions are being taken to increase contracting competition, obtain lower prices, buy in bulk, and make GSA and the government as a whole run more efficiently and cost effectively.

5. Describe any commercial or private interest the requester or any other party has in the agency records sought.

POGO does not charge for access to its web site, reports, newsletters, or other publications. Additionally, POGO does not have a financial or commercial interest in the report sought by the attached FOIA request.

If this request is denied in full or in part, please cite the exemptions pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) that justify the denial. If an exemption applies, however, please consider exercising the agency's discretionary release powers to disclose the records. Additionally, please release all reasonably segregable portions of the records that do not meet an exemption.

I look forward to your response within 20 days of the receipt of this request, unless, in the case of "unusual circumstances," the time limitation is "extended by written notice." I am aware that I have a right to appeal if this request is wholly or partially denied or if the agency fails to respond within 20 days, and that, if successful, a federal district court may assess "reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(E).

Please contact me if this request requires further clarification. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Clarification Request for Mr. Scott Amey's Freedom of Information Act Request GSA No. 268527, dated April 23, 2014

1 message

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Wed, Jun 4, 2014 at 9:00 AM

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Good morning Mr. Scott Amey,

This is a request for clarification in reference to your GSA FOIA Request **268527**. In order for us to conduct a search, we need to obtain clarification for the documents related to your requested.

Please provide clarification on the following to better understand the request:

" 1) *The Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Program Industrial Funding Fee (IFF) from January 1, 2010 to the present, including:*

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